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FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6416  
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CGEN, UY ("LADY OLIVE")  
SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF VESSEL BELIEVE TO BE OF U.S. REGISTRY

REF: 7FAM:566

1. ON MAY 8 AN URUGUAYAN LAWYER INFORMED CONSULAR OFFICER THAT A YACHT OWNED BY HIS CLIENT HAD BEEN SEIZED BY URUGUAYAN PORT POLICE ON MAY 4 ON GROUND THAT VESSEL WAS NOT REGISTERED UNDER ANY FLAG. HE CLAIMED THAT 47-FOOT YACHT "LADY OLIVE" VALUED AT 100,000 DOLLARS WAS REGISTERED IN FLORIDA AS A U.S. VESSEL BY ITS ARGENTINE NATIONAL OWNER, FRANCISCO CONTINO, ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO.

2. ACCORDING TO LAWYER, SAUL MAZZERA, YACHT WAS PLACED AS CARGO ON "SAN JUAN" AND ARRIVED MONTEVIDEO MAY 3. WHEN CONTINO ATTEMPTED TO CLEAR VESSEL FROM PORT, HE WAS DETAINED INCOMMUNICADO FOR SIX HOURS FOR QUESTIONING BY PREFECTURA DEL PUERTO. HE SPOKE WITH LAWYER UPON HIS RELEASE AND IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED FOR ARGENTINA. HIS ALLEGED INTENTION WAS TO SAIL VESSEL FROM MONTEVIDEO TO BUENOS AIRES WHERE HE PLANNED TO SEEK ARGENTINE REGISTRATION FOR "LADY OLIVE".

3. LAWYER HAD NO EVIDENCE THAT IT WAS REGISTERED AS U.S. VESSEL BUT GAVE CONSULAR OFFICER COPY OF ORDER OF SEIZURE AND  
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NOTE SAYING VESSEL HAD PASSED UNITED STATES COAST AUXILIARY COURTESY 1978 EXAMINATION WITH NUMBER 34.5885. HE STATED VESSEL HAD BEEN DOCUMENTED BY HOWARD WEINSTEIN OF M.L. CHADWICK, INC., MARINE SURVEYORS AND CONSULTANT, PILOT HOUSE, 1833 S.E. 17TH STREET, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33316 TELEPHONE 305-523-5419 AND CLEARED FOR THIS VOYAGE BY ALBERTO PAGANI, 5708 NORTHEAST 4TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33137 TELEPHONE (SIX DIGITS ONLY)

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4. MEZZERA PLANNED TO OBTAIN BILL OF SALE, CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION, OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO VESSEL SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED IN REFERENCED INSTRUCTION, AND AFFIDAVIT FROM OWNER. HE COMMENTED THAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH CONTINO WAS SIMPLY THAT OF LAWYER/CLIENT AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY ACTION ON PART OF CONTINO THAT INDICATED HE WAS TRYING TO BRING VESSEL INTO URUGUAY ILLEGALLY. WHILE HOPING THAT EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONFIRM "LADY OLIVE" IS U.S. REGISTERED VESSEL, HE ASKED THAT EMBASSY NOT INQUIRE OF URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE VESSEL UNTIL HE HAD FULLY PREPARED HIS CASE. HE AND CONTINO PLAN TO APPEAL THE SEIZURE DECISION AND POSSIBLY PROTEST TREATMENT OF CONTINO.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SEE IF EITHER OF U.S. RESIDENTS NAMED PARAGRAPH THREE CAN VERIFY IF "LADY OLIVE" IS REGISTERED AS U.S. VESSEL.

6. FOR BUENOS AIRES: CONTINO MAY SEEK EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE REGARDING SEIZURE AND WISH TO MAKE AFFIDAVITS IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE CLAIM IF VESSEL IS U.S.-REGISTERED. VICE CONSUL BLOOD IS AWARE OF DETAILS OF CASE.  
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